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ANTI-WAR RESISTANCE

ATHENS - Inter-American Insurance & American Express offices bombed on Jan. 27th. An explosion occurs near the British Petroleum office, on the 28th. The Greek revolutionary group, November 17 is believed to be responsible. There were no injuries. On the 25th bombings occur at Citibank (U.S. bank), Barclays (British bank), and the French Military Attache. November 17 takes responsibility, for the bombings.

PARIS - a large anti-war demonstration on the 26th, turns into a riot. A bomb goes off at the offices of the leftist newspaper Liberation, that supports the U.S. attack in the Gulf.

LISBON - 20,000 people march through the streets of the city, on the 26th.

LONDON - large protest in Trafalgar Square, which has been the scene of massive anti-poll tax demonstrations, in the past year.

GERMANY - 250,000 take to the streets throughout the country, on the 26th. 200,000 in Bonn alone. 8 campuses go on strike, in protest of Germany's support for the war.

SWITZERLAND - 10,000 demonstrate across the country, on the 26th.

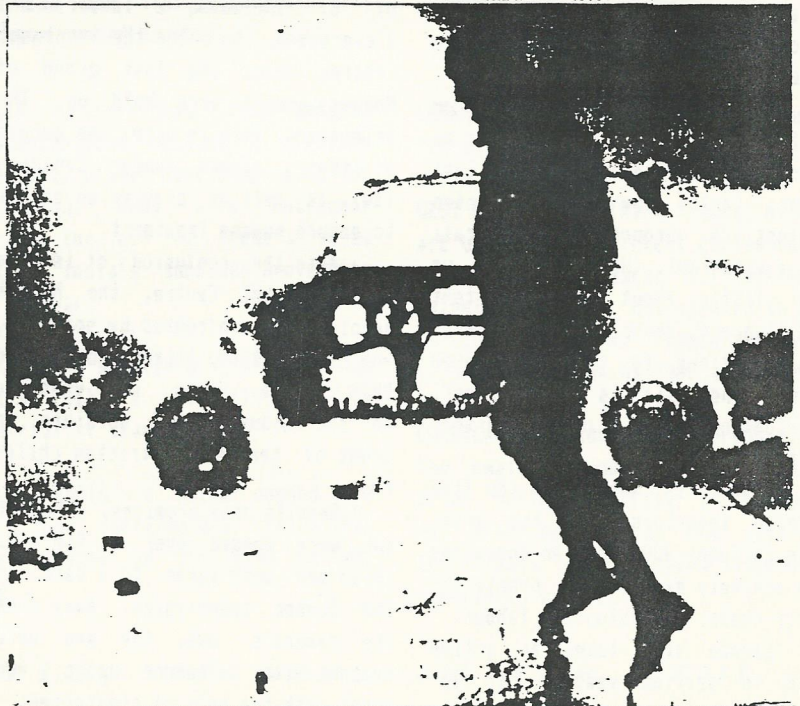
JAPAN - sizeable demonstrations in 3 Japanese cities, protesting Japan's financial support for the war.

WASHINGTON D.C. - 250,000 people attend a national march on the capital, on the 26th. A smaller group marched past the F.B.I building, Justice & Treasury Dept. & the World Bank. The buildings were spraypainted & suffered broken windows. A stick of dynamite was thrown through the window of the World Bank, targeted as a major source of Third World suffering; there were no injuries.

SAN FRANCISCO - 75 000 march on the 26th., to coincide with the march in Washington. Earlier that week the Golden Gate bridge was shutdown several times, by thousands of protestors. 1200 arrests were made for various charges, such as civil disobedience, the day after the U.S. bombed Baghdad.

VANCOUVER - 10 000 people march through the streets; others attempt to occupy a recruiting office & are met by riot police, on the 26th.

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East Timor

East Timor is a former French colony, located off the East Coast of Indonesia. The nation gained independence in the early 1970's and enjoyed sovereignty until, it was invaded by Indonesia in 1975. Little attention was given by Western media, to this form of 'naked' aggression.

Indonesia launched an all out attack on the populated rural areas of East Timor. They used low-flying that dropped tons of phosphorous bombs and napalm, upon the people. Those who survived, were herded into concentration camps, where 100,000 starved to death.

It was not until four years, after the invasion, that International relief agencies were allowed access to the East Timorese people. The death toll to date is estimated at least 200,000 people, which represents one third the population.

At first Canada abstained from voting on UN resolutions, for an Indonesian withdrawal from East Timor. Canada now actively votes against UN proposals, that call for a withdrawal. Here in Canada, we hear little about this consistent and flagrant abuse of human rights, that continue to this day; even though Indonesia is our largest, non-Commonwealth trading partner after the U.S.

Canada is among the top five foreign investors in the area. This includes 300 Canadian companies who actively exploit the people for their cheap, non-unionized labour.

Canada also takes an active role in selling weapons to In-

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INNOCENCE LOST ?

In recent weeks many of us have been exposed to the idea that Canadian involvement in the Persian Gulf, will mark an end to our role as 'Peace Maker', in the world. It is alarming to see how quickly we forget the events in Oka and Kahnawake, this summer. Perhaps we need to refresh our memories, to dispell this 'myth'.

The military siege on the Mohawk Nation, was described by the International Human Rights observers as appalling. This best describes the S.Q.(Suret du Quebec) and Canadian Army's attack on the Mohawk people. The brutality of their occupation came to a climax when the stand-off finally ended, on September 26th.

This began when the army broke their promise to permit a delegation of 6, including 2 lawyers and 2 clergymen, to enter the Treatment Centre, where the last group of Mohawk people were held up. The delegation, were to brief the people of their rights (under Canadian law), as well as provide an escort to ensure humane treatment.

Amid the confusion of leaving the Treatment Centre, the Mohawk people were confronted by soldiers, who rifle butted, kicked and punched them. One woman was wrestled to the ground by 5 soldiers, in front of her terror-stricken children.

Despite army promises, 4 Mohawk men were handed over to the S.Q. These men were taken to a barn, in the Quebec countryside. Away from the camera's eye, the men were beaten with telephone books, and burnt with the ends of cigarettes.

The remaining Mohawk people, which included men, women, and children, were taken to Farnham. The men and women went through 7 days of intense interrogation.

The men were put through a military type interrogation, without the presense of their lawyers. They were kicked and beaten, soldiers pointed guns to their heads and pulled the trippers. The Mohawk men had no idea, whether the guns were loaded or not.

In light of all that has happened through the events of this summer, it would be interesting to see how the Mohawk people feel about Canada's role as 'Peace Maker', in the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don Woodside of the Peace Tax Fund will speak on War Tax Resistance at 7:30 pm. on Friday February 15th at the Catholic Worker, 466 King St. E.

On Feb. 19th Greenpeace is organizing a demonstration at the Federal building, at Catherine & Main.

The Coalition to Stop Intervention will hold a social event for people to meet others concerned about the war and enjoy some anti-war entertainment at the CUPE Hall, corner of Barton and Bay Streets on Feb. 23rd.

February 21st has been declared Youth & Student Anti-War Mobilization Day. Many schools throughout North America, will come out in protest.

SOURCES OF SUFFERING

The Patriot is a radar guided missile, used to destroy incoming missiles. Raytheon Corp., based in Weymouth Mass. is responsible for the production of the Patriot. The cost to taxpayers is \$600,000 each. Their Andover factory (18 miles north of Boston), also manufactures the Hawk anti-aircraft missile. It is the only facility in the U.S. to make the Patriot. Raytheon, is now employing 10,000 people, after accelerating production shortly after the invasion of Kuwait. The 24 hours a day production increase was ordered by the U.S. military.

The Patriot missile has received phenomenal praise by 'Allied' forces for its success in destroying at least 10 Iraqi missiles since Jan. 16th. The results are phenomenal profits, which Raytheon refuses to release figures on.

Raytheon's stocks soared as high as \$76 on the New York Stock Exchange last week.

The U.S. military buys 800 missiles a year from Raytheon, along with other missiles, such as the Tomahawk cruise missile made by General Dynamics & McDonnell Douglas. The Tomahawk cost \$100,000 each.

It is sad to think that the people of the Middle East will be the ones who suffer the wrath of these missiles, while the American taxpayer picks up the bill, and the businessmen reap the profits.

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MONTREAL - 10,000 march against the war, on the 26th.

TORONTO - 2000 people march in an anti-war demonstration, on the 26th. 1000 people march the following week, on Feb. 2nd. 12 people were arrested in Brampton, on the 3rd, for spraying blood on the walls of a Litton plant. Litton manufactures components for the cruise missile, which is currently being dropped on the Iraq people.

MOROCCO - over 300,000 in Rabat against U.S. involvement in the Middle East on Feb. 2nd.

YEMEN - the Turkish and French Embassies were machine gunned on the Jan. 31st., on Feb. 2nd. the American and Italian Embassies are machine gunned as well.

INDIA - there has been massive demonstrations outside 3 airbases that U.S. planes have been using for refueling. Many were outraged, because the use of these airbases defies India's supposed neutrality in the war.

PAKISTAN - massive protests continue daily, with a defiantly anti-U.S. Imperialist stance.

SAUDI ARABIA - a sniper opened fire on a bus, carrying U.S. troops that were leaving an air base on Feb. 3rd.

BEIRUT - banks affiliated with France & Saudi Arabia are attacked on the 26th. 7 foreign interests have been attacked to date, in Lebanon.

ADANA, Turkey - U.S. consulate & Turkish-American organizations are attacked on the 26th. The Turkish revolutionary group, Dev Sol, attack a NATO facility & 2 organizations with U.S. links, earlier in the week.

LIMA, Peru - the U.S. consulate is machine-gunned on the 26th. A car bomb goes off at the airport.

CHILE - an attack occurred on an American bank, in protest to the U.S. war in the Gulf, details unknown.

RELATED NEWS

LEBANON - Israel bombs supposed P.L.O. camps, in south Lebanon.

WEST BANK/GAZA STRIP - Palestinians are under the strictest curfew they have seen in years. 1.7 million Palestinians are not allowed to go to school or work. People are said to be running out of food and money.

CORSICA - hundreds of Arabs flee the small island, off of Italy after police security is stepped up. Arab people can not walk on the streets without being stopped & questioned by police.

The first casualty of war, is the truth.

THE WAR AT HOME

The siege at Oka, finally ended on September 26th, of last year. However, for the Mohawk people the occupation continues to this day. Heavy police presence remains, in and around the Kahnawake and Kahnawake reserves. The S.Q. still conduct low-level flights, over the reserves at night. Only to reinforce the war-like atmosphere, of this military type occupation.

The S.Q. have been harassing Mohawk people and have provoked confrontations. The police have orchestrated charges like bogus traffic violations. As well, people are still being charged for incidents that stem back to the summer.

In early January, a reporter, was involved in a head-on collision on the reserve. She was taken to hospital with severe head injuries. When she recovered, the S.Q. placed her under arrest, for her involvement in the events this summer.

The police have been conducting S.W.A.T type raids on business' and residence in Kahnawake. They claim they are in search of weapons on the reserve, where the Warrior Society has large support.

200 officers stormed a store that sells cigarettes, in search of weapons. In another incident police raided an elementary school, to the horror of the children who were still in class. Again their motive was in search of weapons, presumably hidden in the school's basement.

The S.Q. has recently shown interest in purchasing 3 military tanks, equipped with automatic

weapons, used to carry troops across barricades. The Mohawk people fear another full-scale invasion, of their territory. It is also believed, that the tanks may be used against the Cree Indians, who are currently disputing the construction of a dam in the James Bay region.

The large S.Q. presence on Kahnawake may serve two purposes. Firstly, as a form of intimidation to place stress on the Mohawk people; and secondly to help orchestrate arrests and charges, that will place a financial burden on the community. To date hundreds have been arrested.

Cases have occurred where non-Indian residence have been pulled over by the S.Q., after purchasing gasoline from stations on the reserve. The officers have told the people to bring their business elsewhere.

The Mohawk community is faced with costs of \$486 200 for the legal defence of their people. 4 Mohawk men (Dennis Nicholas, Ronald Cross, Roger Lazore and Gordon Lazore), are still in jail for their involvement this summer. The costs will continue to rise as the trials continue. Some lawyers have been forced to quit, due to lack of funds.

If you are interested in assisting the Mohawk people with the burden of legal funds, you can send donations to:

C/O Confederacy Crisis Centre
P.O. Box 292
Kahnawake, Que.
Mohawk Territory
JOL 1B0

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donesia, to support its war against the East Timorese people.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), has recently set up a program to aid East Timor; however all funds were given directly to the Indonesian government. This same government has plans to resettle the East Timorese people, with Indonesian settlers. In the period from 1987 to 1991, Canadian aid to Indonesia is expected to reach 450 million dollars.

Is this the type of international peace keeping that we have credited Canada with for the past forty years? Canada has consistently allied itself with genocidal regimes, such as this one, for the sole purpose of expanding its global marketplace to increase economic growth. This aspect of Canadian policy has been virtually ignored.

As we now point our fingers at other countries like Iraq, we should step back and take a look at how peaceful Canadian policy has actually been in the last forty years.

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